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SUBJECT: GOS POSITION ON SOVIET PROPOSAL AT UNGA
SSOD FOR BAN ON NEUTRON WEAPONS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON GOS VIEW
OF PROBABLE SOVIET PROPOSAL AT SSOD TO BAN NEUTRON WEAPONS, PUT
FORTH BY COMMUNIST (STALINIST) MP ROLF HAGEL, FM SODER ON
MAY 16 MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

2. "THE NEUTRON WEAPON DEBATE HAS SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE
UNINHIBITED ARMS RACE IN THE WORLD AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.
THERE ARE INDEED FRIGHTENING SIGHS THAT THIS (NEUTRON WEAPON)
PROCESS IS BUT ONE PHASE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS' EFFORTS TO
SAFEGUARD WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO CONSIDER AS MAXIMUM POSSIBLE
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SECURITY. I AM ALSO THINKING HERE ABOUT MEDIUM-RANGE
MISSILES. THE NEW SOVIET SS20 IS ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS
PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT.

3. "SWEDEN'S OVERALL GOAL MUST BE TO PUT AN END TO THE
ENTIRE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE GROWTH PROCESS IN THE
NUCLEAR ARMS FIELD AND ACHIEVE EVENTUALLY A DECREASE OF

EXISTING INVENTORIES. OUR CRITICISM OF INDIVIDUAL TYPES
OF WEAPONS MUST ACCORD WITH THIS GOAL AND MUST NOT GIVE
AN IMPRESSION THAT WE DIVIDE NUCLEAR ARMS INTO MORE OR LESS
UNACCEPTABLE WEAPONS.

4. "HAGEL'S QUESTION CONCERNS A SOVIET PROPOSAL AT THE
DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE
A BAN AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEUTRON
WEAPONS. THE SSOD WILL DISCUSS THE TOTAL ARMAMENT COMPLEX.
SWEDEN AGREES THAT THIS LATTER APPROACH IS THE PROPER WAY THE
MATTER SHOULD BE DEALT WITH. AS LONG AS ALL PROPOSALS ARE NOT KNOWN,
I CANNOT COMMENT ON HOW THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL FASHION

ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS POSSIBLE NEUTRON WEAPON PROPOSALS
WHEN THE SSOD CONSIDERS ITS DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES OR
ACTION PROGRAM. NATURALLY, THE BASIS OF OUR POSITION WILL
BE OUR FIRM AND WELL KNOWN STAND AGAINST THE NEUTRON WEAPON
AND ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHETHER
STRATEGICAL ARMS, MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES, OR TACTICAL NUCLEAR
WEAPONS INCLUDING MINI-NUCLEAR ARMS." END UNCLASSIFIED

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: SODER'S
RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNIST INTERPOLATION, AS IN HER
PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION/REDUCED
BLAST WEAPON, AGAIN CONTAINS A REFERENCE TO ALL OTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS INCLUDING THE SOVIET
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SS20. WE CONSIDER THIS "BALANCE" INCORPORATED IN GOS
PUBLIC STATEMENTS WELCOME, GIVEN THE CONSIDERABLE
PRESSURES ON GOS FROM ANTI-NEUTRON BOMB ACTIVISTS IN SWEDEN.
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